

The Presentation of Our Lord-Candlemas: 06 February, 2022

Sung Mass + 10:30 am

St. Martin's Episcopal Church, Bridgewater, NJ

Please stand as the altar party enters

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

Grace and peace to you, from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ. *And also with you.*

Priest: Forty days ago we celebrated the joyful feast of the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. Today we recall the holy day on which he was presented in the temple, fulfilling the law of Moses and at the same time going to meet his faithful people. Led by the Spirit, Simeon and Anna came to the temple, recognized Christ as their Lord, and proclaimed him with joy. United by the same Spirit, may we now go into the house of God to welcome Christ the Lord, where we shall recognize him in the breaking of bread until he comes again in glory.

Blessing of Candles

Let us pray. God our Father, source of all light, today you revealed to Simeon and Anna your Light of revelation to the nations. Bless these candles and make them holy. May we who light them to praise your glory walk in the path of goodness and come to that Light that shines forever. Grant this through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

The choir sings Nunc Dimittis as the people's candles are lit.

Hymnal 1982, 36



Let us go forth in peace. In the name of Christ. A - men.

Hymn in Procession *The Great Creator of the Worlds vv 1-3*

Hymnal 1982, 489

Station at the Creche

Priest: We have waited on your loving-kindness, O Lord. *In the midst of your temple.*

Let us pray: O God, you have made this day holy by the presentation of your Son in the Temple, and by the purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary: Mercifully grant that we, who delight in her humble readiness to be the birth-giver of your Only-begotten, may rejoice forever in our adoption as his sisters and brothers; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The hymn in procession continues vv 4-6

Hymnal 1982, 489

The Lord be with you. *And also with you.* Let us pray:

Almighty and everliving God, we humbly pray that, as your only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple, so we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts by Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

A Reading from Malachi (*Please be seated*)

Thus says the Lord, See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight-- indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 84



How dear to me is your dwell-ing, O Lord of hosts.

My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord; *
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

The sparrow has found her a house and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; *
by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. (Antiphon)

Happy are they who dwell in your house! * they will always be praising you.

Happy are the people whose strength is in you! * whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.
(Antiphon)

Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, *
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.

They will climb from height to height, * and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.
(Antiphon)

Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; * hearken, O God of Jacob.

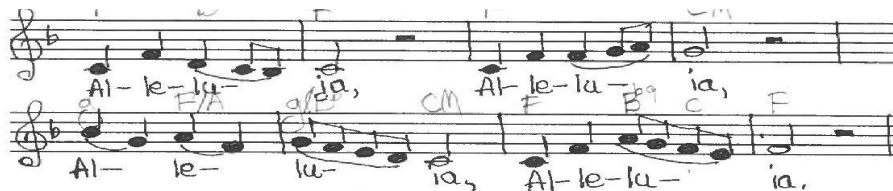
Behold our defender, O God; * and look upon the face of your Anointed. (Antiphon)

A Reading from the Epistle to the Hebrews *(Please be seated)*

Since God's children share flesh and blood, Jesus himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested. The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God*

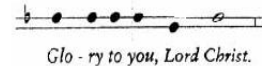
Gospel Acclamation *(Please stand)*

Alleluia, K. Shanklin



V: A light of revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel. (*Alleluia* is repeated)

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke



When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, the parents of Jesus brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons." Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, "Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.

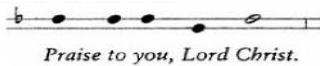
And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of

many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed-- and a sword will pierce your own soul too."

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

The Gospel of the Lord.



(The Alleluia is repeated)

Homily

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Let us pray to the Father through Christ our light and life.

Almighty God, your Christ is acclaimed as the glory of Israel: look mercifully on your Church, as we share the light of Christ in our community. Lord in your mercy, *hear our prayer*.

Your Christ presented in the Temple brings judgment on the world: look mercifully on all nations who long for his justice and peace, Lord in your mercy, *hear our prayer*.

Your Christ, who was rich, for our sake became poor: look mercifully on all who are in need and those who suffer with him, especially Lord in your mercy, *hear our prayer*.

Your Christ is the one in whom faithful servants find their peace: look in mercifully on your whole Church, in heaven and on earth, that united in Christ, we may glory in your salvation. We pray for all who have died, especially Margaret and Anne, that they may be received into your arms of love. Lord in your mercy, *hear our prayer*.

Your Christ is the one destined for rejection: look mercifully on us as we turn towards his passion and begin to prepare for the upcoming Lenten Fast. Lord in your mercy, *hear our prayer*.

Priest: Almighty Father, you kept faith with Simeon and Anna, and showed them the infant King. Give us grace to trust your promises, and patience to wait for their fulfillment; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Priest: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Priest: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen*.

The Peace and Announcements

Offertory Hymn: *How Bright Appears the Morning Star*

Hymnal 1982, 497

The Liturgy of the Altar

The Lord be with you/ *And also with you.*

Lift up your hearts/ *We lift them to the Lord.*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *It is right to give God thanks and praise.*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your son Jesus Christ our Lord, Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

The musical score is written in G major and 3/4 time. It consists of five staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, Heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the high-est. Bless-ed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est." The music is a simple, melodic line with some rests and a final cadence.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father, *We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the Ever Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Joseph her Spouse, St. Martin of Tours, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. AMEN.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

The Fraction
Lamb of God

The musical score is written in B-flat major (two flats) and 4/4 time. It consists of five systems of staves. The first system includes a vocal line with the lyrics "Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: have" and piano accompaniment with "Manual I" and "Manual II" markings. The second system continues the vocal line with "mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the" and piano accompaniment. The third system is a descant for Soprano or Tenor, with lyrics "Lamb of God, you take a - world: have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the". The piano accompaniment continues throughout.

Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Happy are they who are called to the Supper of the Lamb.

The Holy Communion

Communion Hymns

Sing of Mary, Pure and Lowly

Hymnal 1982, 277

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Hymnal 1982, 324

Post Communion Prayer (*Please kneel or stand*)

BCP, 365

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing and Dismissal

Closing Hymn: *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*

Hymnal 1982, 436

The Blessing of Throats

It is traditional to bless throats on St. Blaise Day (Feb.3) using blessed candles. St. Blaise is the patron saint of disorders and diseases of the throat because he miraculously saved a child who was choking on a fish bone. If you would like to have your throat blessed and ask for God's healing grace for protection against those illnesses and infections common in the winter season, please meet Father Rob at a healing prayer station in the back of the Nave as you depart during the Postlude.

Serving Today

Thurifer: Randy Jandak Crucifer: Nick Persson

Lector: Jennifer Persson Eucharistic Minister: Kathy Picazio

Choir: Beth Hixenbaugh, Alison Jandak, Jane Maloney, Rob Vernon

Organist: Kathy Shanklin Celebrant: Father Rob Laws+

We offer today's Mass for the repose of the souls of Margaret Perritt, Allison Evans' mother and Anne, Judy Laidlaw's sister, who both died this past week.

May the rest in peace, and may light perpetual shine upon them.



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Welcome! Thank you for visiting with us today. Would you mind sharing a little information about yourself with us? When you're done, please drop this in the offering plate by the door as you exit, or if you prefer, hand it to the priest after Mass. You can also send us an email at stmartinschurchnj@gmail.com

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